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LETTER DATED 10 JULY 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KENYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to forward the final text of the communiqué issued at the conclusion of the Extraordinary Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), held at Nairobi, on 8 and 9 July 1997. I would be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Communiqué issued by the Extraordinary Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, held at Nairobi on 8 and 9 July 1997

1. At the invitation of H.E. President Daniel T. arap Moi of Kenya, current Chairman of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), President Hassan Gouled Aptidon of Djibouti, President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir of the Sudan, President Isaias Afwerki of Eritrea, Mr. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of Ethiopia, and Mr. Eriya Kategaya, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, representing President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of Uganda, met at Nairobi on 8 and 9 July 1997.

2. Also participating in the Summit was the Executive Secretary of IGAD, Dr. Tekeste Ghebray.

3. The Summit reviewed developments in the subregion since the last meeting in Djibouti in November of last year. The Summit expressed grave concern at the long-drawn-out conflicts in southern Sudan and the crisis in Somalia. The Summit deliberated on the future role of IGAD in the realization of the African Economic Community.

4. The Summit noted with concern that the IGAD peace initiative has stalled since September 1994. The Summit welcomed the acceptance by the Government of the Sudan of the Declaration of Principles as the basis for discussions and negotiations. The Summit considers this development as a major breakthrough in the peace initiative. This will enable the parties to the conflict to freely discuss and negotiate on all the points enshrined in the Declaration of Principles. Consequently, the Summit requested the Chairman of the IGAD peace initiative to take the necessary measures aimed at a speedy resumption of negotiations. The Summit called upon the parties to the conflict to create a conducive environment necessary for resumption of the negotiations.

5. The Summit noted with grave concern that peace in Somalia remains elusive, despite efforts to find a lasting solution to the problem. The Summit, therefore, welcomed the efforts being made with regard to the IGAD/Organization of African Unity (OAU) peace initiative on Somalia and noted that agreements reached by Somalia factions at Nairobi, Sodere (Ethiopia), Sana'a and Cairo contributed to advancing the process.

6. The Summit noted with satisfaction that the situation in northern Somalia was relatively stable and urged cooperation among the factions in order to create a united and peaceful Somalia. The Summit further encouraged all the factions in the South to attend the Bossaso Conference in November 1997. The Summit further pledged to support the outcome of the national reconciliation conference.

7. The Summit welcomed the decision by OAU to recognize IGAD as a Regional Economic Community (REC) and the participants expressed their determination to work towards the realization of the African Economic Community. To that end,

they resolved to strengthen IGAD through prompt payment of assessed contributions in order to achieve that objective.

8. The Summit welcomed the interest shown by IGAD's development partners to finance projects in the priority areas and appealed to them to redouble their efforts in providing the necessary resources for infrastructure development. The Summit emphasized the understanding shared by the partners that peace, stability and development are interlinked.

9. The Summit expressed its appreciation to His Excellency President Daniel T. arap Moi, the Government and the people of the Republic of Kenya for hosting the Summit and for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to delegations.

(Signed) Daniel T. arap MOI
President of the Republic of Kenya
Current Chairman of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development

(Signed) Gouled APTIDON
President of the Republic of Djibouti

(Signed) Omar Hassan AL-BASHIR
President of the Republic of the Sudan

(Signed) Isaias AFWERKI
President of the State of Eritrea

(Signed) Meles ZENAWI
Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

(Signed) Eriya KATEGAYA
First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs
For the President of the Republic of Uganda